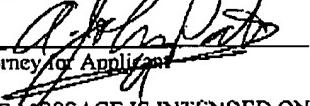


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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)
FOR UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), Applicant hereby requests the granting of an unintentionally delayed priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 as follows:

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This application is a continuation of U.S. Pat App. Ser. No. 09/744,389, filed on Jan. 29, 2001 and issued as U.S. Pat No. 6,598,825 on July 29, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 09/434,609, filed on Nov. 5, 1999 and issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,179,245 on Jan. 30, 2001, which is a division of U.S. Pat. App. Serial No. 09/023,318, filed Feb. 13, 1998 and issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,003,807 on Dec. 21, 1999.

As required by 35 U.S.C. § 120, Applicant is submitting concurrently herewith a Request for Certificate of Correction amending to the first paragraph of the specification of the above-identified patent application to recite the entire priority claim set forth hereinabove. Also, Applicant confirms that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Included herewith is a credit card form (Form PTO-2038) authorizing payment in the amount of one thousand three hundred seventy dollars (\$1,370.00) to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t). Accordingly, Applicant requests that the correction to the specification filed concurrently herewith be accepted and that the unintentionally delayed priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120, set forth hereinabove, be granted.

DATED this 6th day of November, 2006.

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